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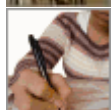
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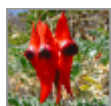
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## South Australian Statistical News and Releases



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICAL NEWS AND RELEASES**

## **ABS NEWS AND RELEASES**

### **SA Stats**

SA Stats provides an overview of the state's population and economy. This publication is updated on a monthly basis, with most releases also containing a feature article on socio-economic and environmental issues of interest.

The June 2011 release of SA Stats will be the final one. It will be replaced by a new state based web product, State and Territory Statistical Indicators (cat. no. 1367.0), which will be released on 26 July 2011. All state based web releases have been brought together in this single web portal. The new product will continue to include information of relevance to the individual jurisdictions but will have a refreshed look and feel. It will provide consistent content across jurisdictions and will allow better comparability, to optimise the utility of such products for users, and to turn them into tools that build user statistical literacy. Users should find the new product easier to navigate and more visually pleasing. We welcome your feedback on the new product.

#### **SA Stats, May 2011**

The May edition of SA Stats includes a feature article on trends in federal voter turnout and informal voting in South Australia. It found that in the recent 2010 federal election, South Australian voter turnout was the third highest for both the House of Representatives and the Senate (93.8% and 94.3% respectively) of all states and territories, behind Tasmania (95.1% and 95.3%) and the Australian Capital Territory (94.6% and 94.9%). In 2010, the Commonwealth Electoral Division of Boothby recorded the lowest voter turnout level (91.5%) while Barker recorded the highest at 95.1%.

#### **SA Stats, April 2011**

April's feature article examines South Australia's changing industrial landscape in the ten years to 2009-10. For selected industries, the article compares employment levels and economic impact using the Gross Value Added (GVA) component of Gross State Product (GSP). While manufacturing is the state's major industry contributor in terms of GVA as percentage of GSP, this contribution has declined steadily from 15.0% in 2000-01 to 11.7% in 2009-10. In terms of employment, the manufacturing industry is no longer the state's largest employer, having been surpassed by the Health Care and Social Assistance industry in 2006-07.

#### **SA Stats, March 2011**

The March edition of SA Stats includes two feature articles. The first article examines patterns in South Australia's retail turnover and demonstrates how analysis using original, seasonally adjusted and trend estimates can provide different perspectives of that turnover. In trend terms, South Australia's monthly retail trade growth has declined since April 2010, and has recorded negative growth since July 2010. The trend series is generally recommended for time series analysis as it levels out the irregularities that may be seen in seasonally adjusted data and reveals the underlying direction of the data.

The second article focuses on the emotional well-being of South Australians. It uses levels of psychological distress, mental illness and personal stressors as indicators of well-being. According to the 2007-08 National Health Survey, 13% of South Australians aged 18 years

and over reported having a high or very high degree of psychological distress. South Australians living with a disability or long term health condition were more likely to experience a high degree of psychological distress than the general South Australian population (47% compared to 13%).

## Regional Population Growth

Released on 31 March 2011, Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2009-10 (cat. no. 3218.0) contains estimates of the resident populations of areas of Australia as at 30 June in each year from 2001 to 2010. Estimates are provided for Local Government Areas (LGAs), Statistical Local Areas (SLAs), Statistical Divisions (SDs), Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs), Statistical Districts, Remoteness Areas, and states and territories of Australia.

Selected findings for South Australia include:

- At 30 June 2010, the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1.64 million people, an increase of 20,100 people since June 2009.
- Playford, in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, and Alexandrina on the Fleurieu Peninsula, were the fastest-growing LGAs in the state, both increasing by 3.0%.
- During 2009-10, the LGAs with the largest population growth in the state were Onkaparinga in Adelaide's southern suburbs and Salisbury in the north, both increasing by 2,400 people.

Further findings about population growth in South Australia, including maps and commentary, can be found in the South Australia section of this publication.

## Feature Releases



### FEATURE RELEASES

#### Recent ABS Publications

##### **Quality Management of Statistical Outputs Produced From Administrative Data, March 2011** (cat. no. 1522.0)

Released on 22 March 2011, this paper provides information on managing the quality of statistics produced from administrative data. Administrative data consists of information collected for purposes other than that of a statistical nature. This type of information is often obtained from records or transactional data from government agencies, businesses or non-profit organisations which use the information for administrative purposes. Examples of administrative data include registration or births, deaths and marriages, customs data, taxation data, school enrolments and hospital records.

The paper focuses on key principles and best practices to assist in the management of the acquisition of administrative data. This information would be useful for any agency considering entering into a relationship regarding the supply and access of administrative

data, as well as those agencies already involved in this area.

This paper can be used in conjunction with other previously released ABS papers in the quality management series:

- ABS Data Quality Framework, May 2009 (cat. no. 1520.0)
- Quality Management of Statistical Processes Using Quality Gates, Dec 2010 (cat. no. 1540.0)

**Discussion Paper: Methodological Review of Counting the Homeless, 2006 (cat. no. 2050.0.55.001)**

Released on 31 March 2011, this discussion paper outlines the results of the review of the methodology used in the Counting the Homeless 2006 (cat. no. 2050.0) publication. The methodological review analyses the relationships between the methods used by the authors of the original paper, Chamberlain and MacKenzie, and the underlying Census data used as part of their methodology. In addition, the discussion paper proposes a consistent, transparent and repeatable process for producing homelessness estimates using Census data for 2001, 2006 and to be repeated in 2011.

Outcomes from this review will play an important role in the process of finalising the methodology for producing estimates of the homeless population enumerated in the Census. The final methodology, to be used to compile estimates from 2001 onwards, will be published in mid 2011.

**National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection Manual, 2010 (cat. no. 4240.0.55.001)**

This manual, released on 5 April 2011, contains information on collection methods, procedures, data comparability and quality issues associated with the National Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Collection. This is a useful guide for data users or data providers in interpreting this administrative collection and its statistical output.

The manual is intended to fulfil a number of functions:

- A traditional end to end user's guide to collection methodology and output, data collection standards, definitions and rules;
- A set of business rules to guide the reporting of early childhood education and care statistics, including methodological differences between jurisdictions and jurisdictional specific data limitations; and
- Instructions, explanation and guidance for the collection and reporting of both unit record level and aggregate data collections.

These guidelines aim to facilitate the delivery of nationally comparable ECEC statistics from 2011 onwards. In the future, this manual will be released annually.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing: A focus on children and youth, April 2011 (cat. no. 4725.0)**

In 2008, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)

collected information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over and for the first time, it also collected information about children aged 0-14 years. This publication, released on 29 April 2011, uses this new data collected in the 2008 NATSISS to produce a range of articles on children and young peoples' cultural participation and housing circumstances, as well as their experiences of different aspects of the law and justice system.

This is the first in a series of publications to be released. Future editions of this publication will include articles on:

- Education, Learning and Skills
- Family, Kinship and Community
- Health
- Customary, Voluntary and Paid Work
- Income and Economic Resources

The majority of the publication has been developed within the context of the Framework for Measuring Wellbeing: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 2010 (cat. no. 4703.0). The framework attempts to provide a holistic approach to statistics about the wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, including children and youth.

## **Other News**

### Australian Longitudinal Learning Database

High-quality education, starting from early childhood through to young adulthood and beyond, is central to Australia's future prosperity and social cohesion. The ABS proposes the concept of an Australian Longitudinal Learning Database (ALLD) as a means of enhancing the evidence-base for education research and policy into the future.

It is envisaged that the ALLD would be constructed as an integrated dataset drawing together information on education and training across the life-course. The core of the database would be enrolment data from early childhood education programs, school enrolments, data on participation in vocational education and training and higher education. The ALLD could include performance information such as the results of National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. Information from the Census could also be integrated into the database to provide a foundation of socio-demographic characteristics and labour force outcomes.

The legislative framework of the ABS provides both the motivation for undertaking projects to maximise the use of existing data for statistical purposes and the safeguards on its confidentiality and security. As the ALLD project develops, the ABS will continue to engage with governments and the community to ensure that there is broad acceptance of this project, that data are held within a safe and secure environment, and that there are suitable processes for researchers to analyse the data.

Data integration using data sources from across Australia promises to result in significant and cost effective improvements in official statistics for statistical and research purposes, and evidence-based policy. The ALLD could assist governments and researchers to develop a better understanding of the drivers and underlying factors affecting student progress and outcomes, and could facilitate improved performance reporting.

For the full paper, please follow this [link](#).

# Summary of Recent ABS Releases



## SUMMARY OF RECENT ABS RELEASES

### **ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RELEASES**

The ABS releases a large volume of publications and only a select few are highlighted here. To see all publications released in the last three months click on the following links.

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#### **Economic Releases**

***Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2011 (cat. no. 5331.0)***

Released 8 March 2011

This information paper describes the way in which the ABS produces macro-economic statistics for Australia's transactions with the rest of the world. This release only contains the Goods Account component of this paper, with other components to be released as they become available.

***Characteristics of Australian Exporters, 2009-10 (cat. no. 5368.0.55.006)***

Released 30 March 2011

This publication provides an analysis of the characteristics and international trading activities of Australian exporters in 2009-10. The information is compiled as a by-product of producing regular monthly and quarterly statistics on Australia's merchandise trade and international trade in services.

***Government Finance Statistics, Australia, 2009-10 (cat. no. 5512.0)***

Released 20 April 2011

This publication presents Government Finance Statistics (GFS) on an accrual accounting basis for each jurisdiction for the general government sector, the non-financial public sector and the total public sector. Three key statements are presented: the operating statement, the cash flow statement, and the balance sheet.

## **Environmental Releases**

### **Water Use on Australian Farms, 2009-10 (cat. no. 4618.0)**

Released 11 May 2011

This publication presents estimates of agricultural water use (including pastures and crops irrigated), irrigation methods, irrigation water management and irrigation expenditure and assets. Estimates are presented at Australia, State/Territory, Statistical Division (SD), Natural Resource Management (NRM) region and Murray-Darling Basin (MDB) levels.

## **Social Releases**

### **Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, Sep 2010 (cat. no. 6220.0)**

Released 22 March 2011

This publication presents information about people aged 15 years and over who are not in the labour force: that is, people who are neither employed nor unemployed. The data can be used to measure the potential supply of labour that is not reflected in employment and unemployment statistics.

### **Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources, 2011 (Edition 2) (cat. no. 3414.0)**

Released 29 March 2011

The Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources provides users with a ready reference to sources of statistical information either directly related to migrants and ethnicity or which collect migrant or ethnicity related data items. The guide contains both ABS and non ABS collections from government, academic and private sources.

### **Experimental Estimates of Preschool Education, Australia, 2010 (cat. no. 4240.0)**

Released 5 April 2011

This publication presents statistics on children enrolled in, and attending preschool in Australia. The experimental estimates were compiled from administrative data provided by each state and territory agency responsible for early childhood education.

### **Disability, Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 4446.0)**

Released 2 May 2011

This publication presents summary results relating to people with disabilities from the 2009 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC). The survey collected information about people with disabilities, older people (those aged 60 years and over) and people who provided assistance to older people and people with disabilities.

### **Overweight and Obesity in Adults in Australia: A Snapshot, 2007-08 (cat. no. 4842.0.55.001)**

Released 27 May 2011

This article discusses overweight and obesity of people aged 18 years and over in Australia

in 2007-08, examining a range of factors which may influence a person's weight and some of the health consequences associated with excess weight.

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